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Unless our history is at fault, Mr. JOHN PURROY MITCHEL is the youngest man who has been Mayor of New York. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, whose career was continued and ended not gloriously at Albany, was Mayor at 37. Mr. Mit-CHEL has three years the start.

It is not to bring against Mr. MIT-CHEL "the atrocious crime of being a young man" that his age is mentioned, nor is it to make an obvious compliment to his early success.

ficult beyond all example in the matter of economical and intelligent adminserves to rank above Lord CROMER and

task is harder and because neither fellaheen nor ryot have been pilled as the taxpayers of New York.

philanthropies and improvements that will be thrust upon him, Mayor Mirpersonal force and his vote in the justified, is the most plausible solution off his feet and let Hawes of Acushnet Board of Estimate go, remember the of the mystery. if before all projects of uplifters and "joy rider," he will make his term of office useful and memorable, and the City Hall no "graveyard," but a power station of honorable ambition.

More power to his elbow; and may he keep his thinking cap on!

The End of the Mary Celeste.

Everybody has heard of the mystery of the Mary Celeste, the derelict picked up in the Atlantic surges forty years ago with sails set but no sign of life on board. Few have heard of the end of the weird brigantine several years later, an end that no honest ship should come to. Mr. KINGMAN N. PUT-NAM of this city tells the sequel in the Nautical Gazette.

After her salvage the mystery ship was restored to the carrying trade and bore a decent reputation until word came from Hayti that the Mary Celeste had been wrecked on a reef near the coast. It seems she had been chartered at Boston to sail for Portau-Prince with a cargo of "general merchandise," insured for \$30,000. In examining the bills of lading insurance agents found that in a consignment of ale there was an unusual num-NAM down to investigate. He took ers."

about seventy miles from the capital. car jolts to aid digestion? must have been an adventure in itself ing dull strangers to their children, in boxes on the wharf. In one pack- youngsters? in boxes on the wharf. In one pack-youngsters?

There was a lively commotion among the friends of Robert A. Woods, noming case supposed to contain \$1,000.

Mary E. Douglas, the inquisitor en-|drivers. gaged her captain to obtain a consular certificate that these and similar packages were part of the ruined ship's SUNDAY, Per Month...... 25 at Port-au-Prince were necessary to any business in Congress." And he the case, Mr. Putnam was despatched enlarged upon himself in these words: SUNDAY, Per Year...... 9 80 again to Hayti, going out on a charan order from the State Department DAILY, Per Month...... 1 25 to the Consul at Miragoane to return quickly distillusioned." es with him to the United States. At that DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Month...... 1 90 port a Haytian General in full uniform THE EVENING SUN, Per Year....... 2 50 President Solomon, if so requested by ness man," could do more than com-All checks, money orders, &c., to be made pay- flight and deliver him up in the cus- frankness. tody of a file of soldiers. To shanghat an American Consul and carry him Published daily, including Sunday, by the Sun Printing and Publishing Association at 170 Nassau street, in the Borough of Manhattan, New York. President and Treasurer, William C. Reick, 170 Nassau street; Vice-President, Edward P. Mitchell, 170 Nassau street; Secretary, C. E. Luxton, 170 President Solomon's offer. The black President Solomon's offer. The black Constant, incessant and perpetual word General must have gone ashore acutely

out his place," says Mr. PUTNAM. The jury in Captain PARKER's conlocked up forty-eight hours, and three terest, heart interest, the moral, the months later he died, thus escaping a new trial. The case against the The Great Opportunity of Mayor shippers was so clear that all confessed. One of them, who had colof rotten fish, paid the money back with interest and costs of suit. An- what they mean. other shipper killed himself. Moreover, all of them failed within six haps that is the reason why Congress months. Captain Parker's mate died is unable to be "honest, wide awake. six months after him. On her next frank, openly businesslike and intelvoyage the steamship Saxon was wrecked and her crew drowned to a man. The same fate befell the tributes of these virtues and analyze schooner Mary E. Douglas, the vessel on his mental uprightness before he rewhich Mr. PUTNAM passed the night at tires. Miragoane when he arranged with her a territory poor enough in area but dif-

Sailors, and landsmen for that matter, will regard the Mary Celeste as a competence over Greater New York de- hoodoo ship. Nothing was ever heard of the captain and crew who vanished from her deck in 1872, leaving their viceroys, and Cameron Formes in the effects behind them, the larder full and everything in apple pie order; one boat colonial administrators because his an unsubstantial one, to base surmise If among all the generous or wild that skipper and crew precipitately fled man of these parts. Note his artistic of the cargo of oil and spirits and the of nature. Mary Celeste sailed elusively away tion, will, so far as his influence, his when their fears were found to be un-

crushed taxpayers of this town; if he will decloud must have been distrusted by the ALCEUS Wordsworth Bas will enforce economy, if he will deplete, so far as he can, the monstrous budget and the incredible debt of a city which pays more and gets less for it than any other district of this oblate spheroid; if he will let persecuted real estate rest and wait a little; wheel when the Mary Celeste ran on of song, strung sausages of delicate obtained real estate rest and wait a little; straight for it. With saliors she have New York run as a business the wrecking of her they may have re- He evokes the copper colored brother and not as a municipal "spender" and garded as a sort of retribution. How and sister: the foundering of the Saxon and the Mary E. Douglas, associated with the last sinister event in the Mary Celeste's career, can be accounted for may be left to the psychologists and the weavers of sea romances. It is a subject for Mr. JOSEPH CONRAD, who would

More About the Slaves.

revel in It.

Labor Legislation, which is holding its ashore to drink. The paleface came meeting in Washington with the Amer- along. The copper colored brother ican Political Science Association, Dr. came to drink firewater. The bear and Basil M. Manly declared that the deer were shot. So, afterward, the number of men who work twelve hours paleface's riverine cottage rose: is enormous. It was Dr. MANLY who made an investigation not long ago of conditions of employment in the iron and steel industry for the Federal Bureau of Labor. He said that the twelve hour men work in the manufacture of paper and pulp, beet sugar, coke, fron and steel, glass bottles, gas, cement, starch, in bakeries and chemical industries. A Washington despatch quotes

"These men are little better than slaves to the machines they operate. The twelve hour worker has no time for recreation, no time for friends, no time for his wife, her of bottles listed per barrel. This no time for his children, to whom he is a was a little queer, and when claims dull stranger who comes and goes and of the shippers began to come in the whom they see less frequently and know underwriters decided to send Mr. Pur. less intimately than their school teach-

with him some "claims" presented to If the distinguishing characteristics analyze "the mighty perfume" that Hog the insurance companies. The Mary of the twelve hour worker amount to Creek emits; but it runs with better Celeste's cargo was under suspicion. the above enumeration of hardships than water: An unpleasant fact came out early then it must be admitted that a very "He worked on so faithful there was left in the investigation, and that was that large proportion of the population of the captain of the ship, one PARKER, this town are "little better than had sold the entire cargo for \$500 to slaves." As a matter of fact what perthe United States Consul at Miragoane, centage of the commuters to New York at which port the captain and crew does Dr. Manly suppose is with their were landed. Arriving at Port-au- wives and children more than twelve Prince, Mr. PUTNAM took to horseback hours a day? And which of them has to reach Miragoane, which is on the time for any recreation, save the hasty north coast of the Sud peninsula and exit from a tube or ferryboat and the

The ride through the wild country | As for the twelve hour workers befor a stranger who was charged to whom they know less intimately than hand," he desires, in beautifying Hog solve the second mystery of the Mary their school teachers, all this may be Celeste, and therefore would not be sadly true, but does Dr. MANLY pretend River." a welcome visitor at Miragoane. Fortu- that it is not a general characteristic nately perhaps for Mr. PUTNAM, his of our times and civilization? How mission was not known. He reached many of us in this workaday world POMERENE to admit that American Miragoane safely, and went to work feel like dancing a jig or coining a pun at once on what remained of the cargo every evening for the benefit of the

worth about twenty-five cents apiece to the machine he operated, only he Mr. Woods denied it from Minneapolis, which appeared on the ship's statement didn't need a Federal investigator to and his Excellency admits that he was as salable boots and shoes. Passing the night on the schooner discovery to his fellow men and slave

Intellectual Honesty.

Representative JOHN J. WHITACRE cargo. Upon Mr. PUTNAM's return to of Ohio says that Congress is no place the States Captain PARKER was in- for him because he is honest inteldicted for barratry and for conspir- lectually. A despatch from Canton re-

"I thought there might be a chance for DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Monta...... 75 tered steamship, the Saxon. He carried an honest, wide awake, frank and open business man in Congress, but I was

Mr. WHITACRE might have omitted the word "frank" lest he insult Amercame out to the ship to say that the dean intelligence. Not Honest Tom Consul was about to decamp, but that LAWSON himself, another "open busi-Mr. PUTNAM, would anticipate his pete with the Hon. J. J. WHITACRE on

But what sort of honesty is intellectual bonesty? We hear about it juggling this age of ours stands alone disappointed, and perhaps he did the Our words and expressions have be-Consul the favor of telling him what come so many counters which we give was up. At any rate, that gentleman and take with a facile glibness without ran away into the brush. "We cleaned ever asking what they mean, what they

stand for or what they are worth. People talk of socialism, social jusspiracy case disagreed after being tice, constructive liberalism, human inimmoral and the unmoral, and sav they favor every species of hygiene, mental, sexual and personal, and that they alone are "intellectually honest," lected a loss of \$5,000 on a consignment whereas Socrates with all his questions could never pin them down as to

The truth is they don't know. Per lectually honest." It may be that Mr. WHITACRE will explain the precise at-

The Buckeye Bryant.

May the poetry crop of 1914 equal that of 1913; more and better it cannot do. And this reminds us of a duty and a delight, somewhat nippingly set before us by a member of the Buckeye Brotherhood who loves THE SUN but prefers the shade for himself:

was gone—that was the only fact, and hold a satisfying feast of genuine Buckan unsubstantial one, to base surmise eye poetry to the accompaniment of harp-on, except a hatch upside down as no ing on the harp of the sweet singer of sailor would let it lie. The theory of Hog Creek, now glorified as the Ottawa Captain J. H. WINCHESTER, her owner, River! Mr. Bassinger is the Walt Whitbefore spontaneous combustion in a part scheduling and cataloguing of the works R. WILPER WILBY. "LIMA, Ohio, December 30."

Kindly throw JAMES BYRON ELMORE

ALCEUS WORDSWORTH BASSINGER never had much reputation to lose, and views "its past, present and future."

> While the red man yet ran to and fro, Along the banks of the beautiful Ottawa The mighty warrior and his squaw.

Along the banks of this river there stood The wainut, the oak, the ash, cottonwood And from its waters, so pure and clear,

There came to drink the bear and deer.' The bear and the deer of Hog Creek were of a hippopotamic habit. They lived in the water and the mud. Yet Before the American Association for in their artiess sylvan way they came

> "So by and by the white man came To fell the forest as well as the game. And make a home in the forest so wild. For mother, himself and their little child. Their first cabin was built by the hands

of papa On the banks of the then beautiful Ot-

And by it they loved to sit at the even

tide And watch its waters so deep and wide. Papa and family watching the im-measurable width of Hog Creek at mistrable by a thoughtless speech, as it measurable width of Hog Creek at eventide is as pure and high a work of courtesy. no romantic. If he watched, 'twas for the whole muskrats. But like this Western Amazon we must hurry. We can't stop to

scarcely a log

on the 'hog'; While men coming near it would soo tako a sneak, And some wag appropriately named

'Hog Creek.' "Its waters no longer run deep and wide With nice shady nooks on either side. But by the hands of industry and toil Its little channel is now filled with oil."

Not Standard, we hope, but the poet Not Standard, we hope, but the poet | Well—"X" had to pack up and ge, | And "Y" he got awelled in the head— (The crowd is erratic and overemphatic)— And I started vivas for "Zed." Creek, but may it never be "Ottawa But I hadn't the price of a feed, So what was a man to de? I berrowed a brace o "forty-fives" And levied a loan or two.

It was ALCEUS WORDSWORTH BAS-POMERENE to admit that American Poetry ought to be protected.

Wherefore they gathered me in,
And here I lie shackled and jugged;
And the jefes all say at the spring of the day
I'll be freely and frequently plugged. Poetry ought to be protected.

ing case supposed to contain \$1,000 Once the president of a New York the friends of Robert A. Woods, nominated as a member of the Boston licens. I am a prophet of parts—worth of cutlery Mr. Putnam found bank remarked that he never was able nated as a member of the Boston licens. I am a prophet of parts—ing board, when Governor Foss said of the president of a New York the friends of Robert A. Woods, nominated as a member of the Boston licens. I am a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they does not be a prophet of parts—they have taken away my knife—they have taken away m

What are the heathen to infer? That Woods is one of those resigned vielders to force majeure who say: "Make me take a drink whether I want

Does the physician who says we should not eat eggs intend this for advice or con-solution?—St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He intends to put up the price of eggs since nobody can resist the temptation to eat what is "bad for" him.

I could not afford to employ in a fac-tory men who are half sick, who come to work after having had bad breakfasts, who are partly poisoned; they would be economically unprofitable. And yet fa-tigue is part poison.—Secretary REDFIELD.

Turn on the green lights! At last onger has a Cossack at the head of the Department of Commerce, but one who frankly tells the people that he is a humunitarian, and that he could not work he sick, the hungry and the poisoned. Already the rays of the millennium shine in the gallery. If fatigue is part poison, the other part is a compound of naple sugar and wax.

BRYAN opens new year with a speaking our.—Headline. Spring is to open her new year with buds and green grass. Nature can do no more than be natural. Canaries sing. owls hoot and the alligators listen. Let each perform according to his throat.

There is recognition everywhere of the fact that, whether in their day past policies were right or wrong, the time has come for a revision of old methods, for a wider outlook, for greater freedom, for Irish than the Highlands.

When a man of fifty is "let out" by an employer and his place is filled by a younger individual, the discarded worker is not yet at the end of his productive career.-Chicago Tribune. At that advanced age? Is it possible?

"A LOT OF WORK."

Why a Post Office Was Not on the List of Telephone Subscribers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT connection with the recent agitation for Sovernment ownership of the telephone and telegraph service to be conducted in connection with the post office, it would seem to be a very good policy for the post office to utilize the present available time saving service of the telephone to a greater extent. The present inefficiency of the post office in this respect has been forcibly impressed upon me recently by an occurrence which caused me conside ble inconvenience.

I have friends in Canada who send

Christmas presents, regardless of the fact that I am compelled to pay duty upon them. I recently received a notice from the post office on one of these parcels, and after obtaining this parcel I received another notice two days later, presumably for another parcel. The second notice, however, stated the amount of duty as being the same as for the first parcel, which aroused my suspicions that it pos-sibly was a duplicate notice. As I live about one and one-half miles from the post office I went to the telephone to call it up, but was informed that the post

office was not listed.

I later wasted some time in going to the post office, only to be informed by the clerk that he was very sorry if he caused me any inconvenience by sending out a duplicate notice. I asked if they had a

formation service, possibly with limitations regarding the extent of information

hich could be obtained in this way? It would seem that the present attitude of the post office toward the use of the telephone in this respect does not inspire very much confidence in its ability to take and furnish as good telephone sersponsibility of curtailing portions of this service which, as in this instance, might put the employees to a lot of work an-field for the Department of Agriculture

GOOD MANNERS. Little Sermon on the Sin of Rudenes and Value of Courtesy.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Rudeworld's troubles are due primarly to bad manners, which rankle in every man's

ished it would transform the world, make life for all its inhabitants happier. What I would most desire would be to have the spirit of a kindly courtesy actu ate us in our daily communications with our fellow men. It is easy to wound by indifference or lack of courtesy, easy to wound deeply by rudeness. And not all men are prompted to angry resentment; there are those whose day might be made

Courtesy costs nothing, but there are imagination as a speech on prosperity many, many people who would prefer it by the Hon. Champ Clark, the Pike to a gift of money, and there is none but county Bassinger. The little child was courtesy. Universal courtesy would make the whole world happy. The greatest thing in all the world is courtesy, good thing in all the world is courtesy, good

From the London Spectator They have taken away my horse: They have taken away my knife; They've taken my "forty-five calibre" guns, And they figure on taking my life.

Since this is a Mexican song
I reckon it no disgrace
With pedants to quarrel to work in my mora
In a most unconventional place.

For those who walk wide o' the herd. Their lot is uncommonly hot: When gentle they're starved, and when hose tile are carved
And their beliles are filled with shot.

The mode of my failing was thus:
A patriot people would cry,
"Don 'Ek-es' arriba! Que viva! que viva!"
So I shouted 'viva" for "Y."

Roll me a cigarette— Both "Y" and I must go— I was slways a triffe ahead of the herd But the good Lord made me so.

IRISH ALL.

Lowland or Highland, the Scotch Not Three Remedies for a Permanently t Scotch to This Student.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Re-Ulster, when settlers from Britain in the seventeenth century became possessed of the estates and wealth of the old Irish families whose banners had fallen in war, Dr. Sigerson of London had this to say the other day :

It is a common error to suppose that the new settlers were allen in race. They were mostly Scots, and mostly Gaels, their an-cestors having gone to Alba or Caledonia from Erin as conquerors of the old time. As Ireland was in the Middle Ages known as Scotia and the Irish as Scoti or Scots, Alba was then called Scotia Minor (Lesser Ireland) and afterward Scotland. Hence when the term Scotch-Irish is used you should remember that it means Irish-Irish, a fact generally forgotten or unknown.

of these facts is that just as there was a Norman conquest of England so there land. Nor was there ever a conquest more complete. Scotland became as much an Irish province as Munster, and the Irish language prevailed both in the Lowlands and in the Highlands. Nor was it mere lust of conquest that inspired the Irish princes in taking the land. Differing from the Normans, who for centuries treated the Saxon English as dirt under their feet, the Irish conquerors took hold of the sav-age Scotchman, civilized and Christianized him to some degree, planted in his land the famous school of Iona, which never had other than Irish professors during the thousand years of its existence, and taught him some of the arts of life. Irish civilization reigned in the land henceforth, so that Irish or Erra still fourtakes in the so that Irish or Erse still flourishes in the Highlands, and nine out of every ten Scotchmen still bear Irish names. Nor are the Lowlands one whit less

higher standards, for more courage and for a truer independence.—The World. at any time, the stream of migration be The time has come to enter upon an ing always from north to south. The era of grand thoughts and nicely balanced sentiments. Past policies were anced sentiments. Past policies were all right or wrong in their way, but they were devoid of constructive liberalism, intellectual honesty, social justial hygiene. They missed the go patent to a student of Irish history and anced sentiments. Past policies were MacFergus, MacFadden, the change of name following or preceding the change of language and religion. These facts are go patent to a student of Irish history and anced sentiments. genealogy that he wonders at the fatulty that can controvert them.

hat can controvert them.

A fair minded man treading his way in Irish history for the first time will find many things to surprise and even startle He will first marvel at the many giorious and even momentous facts ig-nored by the general historian. He will be impressed by the tremendous partisan use that has been made of trifles. He will be astonished to find light where he had been taught to think there was savage darkness. He will be interested to learn that great, familiar, mediæval figures, long masquerading as "Celtic restraint of the "Annals of the Four Mas ters" and like Irish works, as compared with the furious partisanship of "great English historians." And he will realize that as Irish history is being rewritten much of European and American history

New York, January 1. will have to be rewritten after it

PLENTY OF LAND. of It Impoverished-40,000,000

Raw Acres in Three States. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: do not care to enter into any controversy with Farmer Murphy of Fall River, Mass. in regard to immigration, its advantages and dangers, but I take issue with him flatly when he says in his Sun letter of December 24:

Farmers and others familiar with agri culture and kindred conditions know that the food production of this country has reached its highest limit, as all the good agricultural land has been taken up and is

eing utilized. Nothing could be further from the truth

than this statement.

This country has not reached an agricultural land crisis yet, but it has reached condition which demands careful, well-onsidered action. At least one-third of telephone, and he replied that they had, but did not list it, as they would be put to a lot of work answering unnecessary requests for information.

Would not the post office increase the value of its service to the public consider.

A part of this land lies faillow because its fertility has been exhausted.

A part of this land lies faillow because its fertility has been exhausted.

Now there's would the popie navent many. The present Commissioner of Excarcely: so Jim went and got School-master Wilson, that used to teach over to Princeton village, to get the bosses down to the Trenton Legislature to make the popie navent many. The present Commissioner of Excarcely: so Jim went and got School-master Wilson, that used to teach over to Princeton village, to get the bosses down to the Trenton Legislature to make the popie navent many. The present Commissioner of Excarcely: so Jim went and got School-master Wilson, that used to teach over to Princeton village, to get the bosses down to the Trenton Legislature to make as a means of enabling the popie navent many. The present Commissioner of Excarcely: so Jim went and got School-master Wilson, that used to teach over to Princeton village, to get the bosses down to the Trenton Legislature to make as a means of enabling the popie navent many. The present Commissioner of Excarcely: so Jim went and got School-master Wilson, that used to teach over to Princeton village, to get the bosses down to the Trenton Legislature to make as a means of enabling the princeton village. The present Commissioner of Excarcely: so Jim went and got School-master Wilson, that used to teach over to Princeton village, to get the bosses down to the provide the princeton village. The present Commissioner of Excarcely: so Jim the people navent many. The present Commissioner of Excarcely: so Jim to a secretary to princeton village, to get the bosses of the princeton village, to get the bosses of the princeton village. The provide the provide the provide the provide that the provide the provide the or badly used up. This is strikingly true of New England and New York, and con-tinues to a less degree through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and even into Illino

The annual average an acre of corr produced in Illinois has been for years less past ten years an average of better vice as we are obtaining under private ownership. I cannot but feel that if the paternal Government owned the telephone system it might take upon itself the re-

mation. H. B. Wier. ing back this impoverished land. Its chee PLAINFIELD, N. J., December 31. original fertility can be restored and Science and Scien maintained, and it should be done, for in this way the limit of agricultural products can be pushed up at least 10 per cent.

Before Farmer Murphy repeats and statement let me call his attention to the fact that there are in Michigan, Wiscon- all felt it.

Then we sent one of our bookkeepers and its financial possibilities. Then we sent one of our bookkeepers are contest, with Tamm. Before Farmer Murphy repeats sin and Minnesota fully forty million acres of raw. undeveloped land, a terri-tory larger than New England, over thirty million acres of which, a territory larger manners, which rankie in every mat is soul and prompt reprisal where that is than New York State, are as fertile as possible.

If rudeness, ill manners, could be abolify rudeness, ill manners, could be abolify rudeness, ill manners, could be abolify rudeness. reach of the average settler.

JAMES T. BARBER.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., December 39.

The "Uplifters." TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir.

I threw that switch in the twinkling of a lid I killed forty people, but I saved that kid." That is about the ratio of good an evil that the Mrs. Meanwells, assisted by the mercenary exploiters, are doing with the mercenary exploiters, are using their sex hygiene, eugenics, single moral

How much longer are we to tolerate this flood of fifth because it is labelled "sociology," "uplift," "knowledge," "warning"? The study of disease and germs is worthy of the greatest minds, but what should we think of a host who put bac teriological specimens on his dining table because "every one should know about these things"? It is well to warn all against the dangers of drinking infected water, but it is not desirable to furnish a microscope with every meal CHARLES VEZIN.

NEW YORK, January 1. Jury Reform.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The jury system of this country ought to be changed so that nine members of a jury could decide a case. It would be more difficult for a lawyer who was getting on, and before he got honest, to buy three men than it now is to buy one. There are specialists in this business of "hanging up juries." I need not explain to you FALL RIVER, Mass., December 31.

The Tall Hat as a Time Teller. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In the present day it is the fashion for the young man to wear his tall hat on the back of his head; wearing is so he is supposed to look very debonair.
Of course it wouldn't be quite the thing for an old man to carry his hat in that manner, though

But as a rule as a man's years increase, that backward, jaunty angle of his high hat decreases until there comes a time when he wears his tall hat standing on his head squarely upright; and then as he gets older still he cants it a little space.

I suppose that if you couldn't see anything of them but the top of the head you could tell pretty closely the age of most men by the angle at which they wear their high hats. CAPUT. NEW YORK, JANUARY 1.

THE TRANSVERSE ROAD.

safe Condition. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: The To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: Re-garding the much talked of Plantation of public is aware of the dangers ever present Ulster, when settlers from Britain in the in the transverse road in Central Park running from Eighty-fifth street on the east side to Eighty-sixth street on the west side. This road was projected when the amount of traffic could not have been foreseen. It contains the only street car line which runs across the park; it is in the heart of the residential district; the business traffic seems to find it a conver

passing between the car tracks and the sidewalks and filled with tortuous curves. the greatest danger to life and limb. Accidents happen there with startling regularity. This morning an eastbound car and a westbound car collided with a heavy brewery truck; the windows in both cars were smaller to the control of the cars with the control of the cars with the cars and you have a situation fraught with There are many facts forgotten or uncars were smashed, the eastbound car was thrown from the track to the side-walk and one of the motormen was so passengers, the motormen and truckmen to be exposed to these dangers? Three

ient outlet.

remedial courses are open: The simplest and least expensive would be by the exercise of the police power, whereby the Eighty-sixth street transverse road would be left for the use of and business vehicles be compelled to and who comes to New York from the sixty-third street, Seventy-latter city. His title is to be ninth street or Ninety-seventh street ninth street or Ninety-seventh street latter city. His title is to be "State transverse road. This would work no serious hardship upon them, but some League. doubt seems to exist in the minds of the Mr. Anderson is not a theorist. He police officials with whom I have discussed the question as to their right to York will go dry in a day or a week take such action.

the Eighty-sixth street road so that there would be sufficient room between the car tracks and the sidewalk for vehicles to This would involve the removal of

The third course would seem to be feasible, inexpensive and easily adopted. Remove the sidewalks entirely and thus vehicles with ample space to pass irs; rebuild the walk, not on vail. To do this would require the sacridice of a few trees, but the pedestrians
ould then travel in safety in a direct

The bill will be drafted by path, which is the only advantage of the transverse over the present park walks. with much greater comfort than they now experience, for they would no longer have to contend with the clouds of dust and dirt which are whirled through the

S. H. WOLFE. NEW YORK, January 1. JINGLING JIMMY.

lturist of our town living mostly down out of our town living mostly down to Washington now, is a great hand for saying "The people shall rule." He's always downright set on it. Congress having finished business, and the corn and pumpkins being all in the barn and the pumpkins being all in the barn and the chores about all there is to do on the farm this time of year, and things being uncommon quiet over to Paterson just protestant that the state except the protestant Episcopal is cooperating with things out Michigan way should be fixed it he league. The Catholic Church as a how, Jim he's pitching in to see to it that things out Michigan way should be fixed up so "the people shall rule." But some of us farmers have been arguing round the stove at the grocery store evenings as to just how Jim squares this theory of his with his being down to Washington nowadays representing old Jersey along with Senator Hughes. It looks to us a good deal as if Jim fayors the people's drawn as to leave the Raines law operative except where it is superseded by local good deal as if Jim favors the people's ruling way out to Michigan and Mexico and the Philippines considerable free, but when it comes right down to home in his own village and New York and State of the Reference Law of the Reference Law of State of the Reference Law own village and State he ain't just ex-actly willing to live up to his beliefs. You see, it's just this way. Jim he's

Now there's nothing pe but what we want to know down to the store is just this: When the people had been voting right along steady for had been voting light along sides of twenty-odd years that they didn't want farmer Jim Martine holding office, why in tarnation didn't he let the people rule?

Joc. JEER, of Jersey.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., January 1.

MEN OF GOOD HUMOR. Next to Abundant Working Capital the

Best Thing to Have Around. THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: A joker in a business office is a nuisance; but a good humored, constitutionally

this way the limit of agricultural prod-ucts can be pushed up at least 10 per cent.

Before Farmer Murphy repeats his

out on the road. There was something a square contest, with Tammany taking strange, different about the man we took the wrong side of this question of comon in his place, but his papers were A1, bined morality and self and he seemed all right, and so we hired

went to work I noticed a change in the political bosses. office; it seemed to have a different sort Baltimore ne went to work I noticed a change in the office; it seemed to have a different sort of atmosphere. Our oldest bookkeeper, over in the far corner, a man whom I had never known to look otherwise than very solemn, I now saw bending over his work with a smile on his face, and in work with a smile on his face, and in the best regime to the total to the best regime to the best re very solemn, I now saw bending over his work with a smile on his face, and in less than a week the whole staff had been hanged into the smilingest, cheerfulest

bunch of men you ever saw He was not a comic funny man, but he always looked on the bright side. All the men in the office now seemed to be possessed of that same spirit. They tackled heir work more briskly and seemed to ind enjoyment in it. I have no doubt find enjoyment in it. I have they were happier in their that they made their families happier, and

l am sure that every one of them was benefited in his bodily health.

Ever since then we have managed to NOT TO TOUCH SINKING FUND have at least one man of that sort in our office force and in every other department Gov. Glynn Makes the Assertion in as well. Next to abundant working capital I should say that the best thing for a business would be to have in it men of cheerful spirit GOOD BUSINESS. NEW YORK, December 31.

How Do You Know the Wet Moon? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: man tells me that when the new moon appears lying on its back, with both horns up. it means a wet moon, because n that position it can hold water.

Another man tells me that it means a wet moon when you see it standing upright, with the tips of the horns one above the other: that in that position the moon can't hold water, but spills it on

Which of these is right, if either? RHINEBECK, January 1.

"It Can't Be Done." From the Washington Star

Where when some keen barbaric br.
Of life's conditions dared complain,
And planned a wheel on which to roll.
The load his arms could not control.
Sneers rose from all the mighty crew.
That ever scoffs at what is new.
The world would sleep if things we by men who say "it can't be done."

OPEN FIGHT TO MAKE **NEW YORK DRY CITY**

Campaign.

Combine those three factors with a roadway too narrow to permit a vehicle EXPECT A BITTER BATTLE

The Anti-Saloon League has descended severely injured that he was lying un-conscious when I last saw him. How much upon New York with an organized plan longer are the pedestrians, the street car for ultimate prohibition and with imupon New York with an organized plan mediate plans for extending local option to the furthest possible point

The man who is to lead the campaign arrived yesterday and took quarters at the Hotel McAlpin. He is William H. Anderson, who has conducted campaigns pedestrians, and the street cars, pleasure for the league in Chicago and Baltimere and who comes to New York from the

In fact he said yesterday that he doubted if the city and State ever would vote for city or State wide prohibition.

Meanwhile the Anti-Saloon League is going to prepare the way by making as retaining walls and would be expen- much of this city and State dry as it can. The first thing to be done is to introduce a bill in the next Legislature to provide local option for cities of the third class (having 50,000 population or on less); for counties having no cities the level with the tracks, as it is at the of 10,000 or over; for these same coun-present time, but in the park itself along ties exclusive of the cities and for elec-the upper edge of the present retaining tion districts separately and for groups tion districts separately and for groups

The bill will be drafted by experts who have drafted anti-liquor laws for the league in other States. It is planned to set aside a day for discussion of the bill in pulpits and on lecture platforms

To Fight Hostile Legislators.

The fight will be carried into the dis tricts of Senators and Assemblymen. "If a Senator or Assemblyman," Mr. Anderson says, "votes against the bill and Plainfield's Ever Running Tribune of represents the sentiment of his constitu-Some People Thrown Into the Senate.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir:
Neighbor Jim Martine, a well to do agriulturist of our town living mostly down

"It is the purpose of the league to keep

"The Raines law of New York," Mr. You see, it's just this way. Jim he's been running for pretty nigh every office we have in these parts for the last twenty years and more, and the people haven't probably as good as any and better than they do not want it the Raines law fossil, belonging to the stone age of tem perance reform. It is designed to pro-tect the liquor traffic as a revenue pro-ducer and imposes needless handicaps upon the effort to eliminate it completely as a public nuisance and menace. It is a brake upon the wheels of the water

> Calls New York Liquor Centre. "From now on," he continued, "the attention of the National Anti-Saloot League will be directed toward New York as the liquor centre of America. The new programme in New York is designed

got so used to this that we never thought anything about it, though I am sure we all feit it.

many will bitterly oppose anything which may deprive them of their present life and death power over the liquor traffic

the best recipe he had for use

sugar and water. He will at once look for permaner

Regard to Surplus. ALBANY, Jan. 1 .- Gov. Glynn annou to-night that he had reached a solution of the problem presented by the sinks problem presented by the sinking fund surplus, which has grown \$1,900, in excess of the needs of the fund present time. The Governor made this nouncement after a conference w

prominent bankers and other arge "Not a dollar will be drawn from a sinking fund," said the Governor to-nia in explaining the system devised to be vent the abnormal growth of these f "Not a dollar in the sinking fund w used for the general support of

ment. Not a single security in the sailing fund will be touched. The contribution to the sinking this year will be slightly over \$ ing contributions to the sinking fu "The sinking fund problem has b plan agreed upon should settle lem for all time. The \$2,000 The \$2,000.00

has been accomplished by a scientific arrangement of the entire basis of nual sinking fund contributions by exp representing the State and the large ers of State bonds. "The method used contemplates viding annually for each outsta

of State bonds an amount which to present sinking fund accumulate retire the bonds at maturity.

and he seemed all right, and so we hired practically certain and the local option proposition will offer the means of break-The very first day after this new man ling permanently the dominion of corrupt

punch bowl was grape juice, lemon

downtown headquarters for the leagu-The present headquarters are at East 125th street. J. F. Burke, who handled the legal and legislative work the league in several States, incing Illinois, is moving to New York His office headquarters is in Alban at 119 State street.